

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
July 12, 2012

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) Board of Directors meeting was held at the Great Western Bank Meeting Room, Second Floor, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska on July 12, 2012. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm. A legal notice of the meeting was published in the NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH. A news release containing the agenda for the meeting and including the time and place was sent to the news media in the District.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric S Hansen
James Meisner
Robert L Petersen
Bob Peterson
Dennis Schilz
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Douglas L Stack
Shane Storer
John W Williams

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Dimmitt, IMP Coordinator
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant
Kent O Miller, General Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Heinrich, Producer
Brad Johnson, Sargent Irrigation
Fred Perlinger, Producer
Jeff Shafer, NPPD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Schilz reported that the Nebraska Open Meeting Act requires public bodies to make available at least one current copy of the Open Meeting Act which may be posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public, and at the beginning of the meeting the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information. Mr. Schilz reported that the current Open Meeting Act was on the counter in the back of the meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

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Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Schilz reported that Operating Policy Number 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENCES provides that a Director will be considered excused if the Director notifies the office prior to the meeting that he will be absent and that the minutes will reflect whether an absent Director is excused or unexcused. Mr. Schilz reported that Mr. Storer and Mr. Williams had notified the office that they would be absent and are therefore excused. Mr. Stack was unexcused.

Information Packet and Notebook available for the Public – Mr. Schilz reported that on the shelf in the back of the room is a copy of the Board Meeting Notebook and the Board Meeting Information Packet that each Board member has that are available for viewing by the public attending the Board of Directors meeting.

Other Announcements – None presented.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schilz opened the Public Forum.

Paul Heinrich spoke regarding the variance approved for Fred Prelinger on June 14, 2012 to transfer 9.25 irrigated acres from the NW¼ Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, to be re-located under the end gun on the pivot in the same section conditioned on physical stops being installed to prevent the pivot from going over any area that does not have certified ground water irrigated acres. Mr. Heinrich stated that he farms the land. Mr. Heinrich requested that the condition requiring physical stops being installed to prevent the pivot from going over any area that does not have certified ground water irrigated acres be removed. Mr. Heinrich stated that he felt he should be able to allow the pivot to go over the acres that are not certified without water being applied.

Mr. Schilz closed the Public Forum.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

None presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for the June 14, 2012 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the June 14, 2012 Board of Directors meeting was available for the Directors' and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

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Mr. Meismer moved that the Minutes of the June 14, 2012 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Storer, Williams
Unexcused: Stack

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – District Conservationist Report –
Mr. Schilz reported that Mary Reece, District Conservationist, was unable to attend the Board meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Land Resources SubCommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Water Resources SubCommittee

Mr. Meismer, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on July 12, 2012.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Steve Scholz – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Steve Scholz. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Steve Scholz to drill a new irrigation well at the location where he will be transferring in October 2012 a portion of 188.35 acres that are currently under contract from Don Chandler, to be located in the NW¼ Section 27, Township 16 North, Range 29 West, Lincoln County, conditioned on the well can only be used on certified ground water irrigated acres. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

Aye: Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: Hansen, Peterson
Absent & Excused: Storer, Williams
Unexcused: Stack

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Ground Water Management – Variances – Joe McBride – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Joe McBride. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Joe McBride to drill a new irrigation well in the NE¼ Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 40 West, Keith County. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: Peterson
Absent & Excused: Storer, Williams
Unexcused: Stack

Ground Water Management – Variances – Jason Bode – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Jason Bode. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Jason Bode to transfer a total of 54.15 certified irrigated acres from the center of Section 23, Township 14 North, Range 38 West, Keith County, to be re-located to an existing pivot location in the SE¼ Section 35, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County, and that 45.97 acres will remain in the TPNRD Water Bank under Jason Bode’s name until he is ready to transfer them to a new location. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Storer, Williams
Unexcused: Stack

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Industrial Reporting – Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on industrial reporting.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported on the TPNRD Integrated Management Plan (IMP) which requires industrial users to report ground water use to the TPNRD and the TPNRD to establish a baseline for each industrial user. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that all new wells approved for industrial users, since the IMP became effective on September 15, 2009, are required to install flow meters for reporting ground water use to the TPNRD. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that some of the existing wells of industrial users in place when the IMP became effective do not have flow meters.

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Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve requiring that all industrial users within the TPNRD install flow meters for reporting ground water use to the TPNRD. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Storer, Williams
Unexcused: Stack

Integrated Management Plan – Offset Water - Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to present a report he had prepared at the request of the Subcommittee for financing offset water.

Mr. Miller distributed a report for the TPNRD financing offset water. Mr. Miller reviewed the report which shows the IMP requirement for offset water, offset water purchased or approved to be purchased, and options for permanent offset water. Mr. Miller also reviewed in the report TPNRD funds available for offset water carried over from the Budgets for the 2010FY, the 2011FY, and the 2012FY, and funding for offset water in the proposed Budgets for the 2013FY, the 2014FY, the 2015FY, and the 2016FY.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for June 2012 was available for the Directors’.

Accounts Payable - Mr. Meismer reported that the Accounts Payable report was available for the Directors’ and that he had reviewed the Accounts Payable and found the report to be in order.

Mr. Meismer moved that the Financial Statement for June 2012 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on July 12, 2012 in the amount of \$38,035.16. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

Aye: Meismer, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: None
Out of Room: Hansen
Absent & Excused: Storer, Williams
Unexcused: Stack

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Budget Status – No report presented.

Bids/Proposals – None presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the August 9, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that the District Policy provides that “The staff will notify the Board during the Board meeting immediately prior to the Board meeting at which bids will be presented for consideration”. Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals would be presented for the August 9, 2012 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Board of Directors – No report presented.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – No report presented.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Water Programs – Integrated Management Plan – No report presented.

Water Programs – Regulatory – No report presented.

Brule Watershed – No report presented.

Conservation Programs - Trees – No report presented.

Conservation Programs - Regulatory – No report presented.

Cost-Share Programs – NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported that the monthly report was available for the Directors’. Mr. Miller reported that \$70,285.51 was available for funding contracts.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the July 12, 2012 report and to approve the following new contracts:

<u>Cont#</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>App Amt</u>	<u>Prop Amt to Fund</u>
13.001	NC-14	Planned Grazing	\$ 2,619.50	\$ 2,619.50
13.002	NC-14	Planned Grazing	\$ 3,044.02	\$ 3,044.02
		Total Amount of New Contracts		\$ 5,663.52

FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$ 64,621.99

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Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Wahlgren, Weaver,
Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Storer, Williams
Unexcused: Stack

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that a report was available for the Directors'. Mr. Miller reported that \$10,000.00 was available for new contracts.

Habitat Programs – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – No report presented.

Personnel – Mr. Miller reported that Landon Shaw has been hired for the new Hydrologist position. Mr. Miller reported that Justin Lemmer, Range Technician in the North Platte NRCS office, has resigned.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No report presented.

Meetings and Dates of Interest – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were available for the Directors'.

Miscellaneous Information – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were available for the Directors'.

BUDGET FOR 2013 FISCAL YEAR

Preparation Schedule – Mr. Miller reported that a schedule for preparing the 2013 Fiscal Year Budget for the TPNRD was available for the Directors'. Mr. Miller reported that the schedule provides the Board four opportunities to review and discuss the Budget prior to final approval.

Review Draft #2 – Mr. Miller reported that draft #2 for the 2013 Fiscal Year Budget was available for the Directors'. Mr. Miller reviewed the second draft.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

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NEXT MEETING

Mr. Schilz reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Great Western Bank Center Meeting Room, 111 South Dewey Street, Second Floor, North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary